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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and requests that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

Applicant hereby petitions that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered into the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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Japanese Patent Gazette No. H01-053750 appears to disclose a mounting structure for a speedometer drive gear in which stopper rings are installed onto the main shaft of the transmission on both sides of the speedometer drive gear in order to prevent the speedometer drive gear from sliding in the axial direction and a ball is installed between a key groove formed in the shaft hole of the speedometer drive gear and a groove portion formed in the main shaft in order to prevent the speedometer drive gear from turning about the main shaft (see Figure 2). Also, this reference appears to disclose providing a lock nut threadedly engaged with a gear shaft, and fitting a speedometer drive gear on an outer side of the lock nut (see Figures 3 and 4). An English abstract of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. S59-208466, which is a laid-open publication of the application on which Japanese Patent Gazette No. H01-053750 is based, is attached to better understand the relevance of the invention.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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